

Buffalo, N.Y., Aug. 1st, 1946.

Mr. Tom Hayes Jr.,
Pres. Birmingham Black Barons B.B. Club
of Negro American League,
680 So. Lauderdale St.,
Memphis 5, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter a couple of weeks ago, in which you have stated that Mr. Sampson, to whom I have written my first letter intended for your club, has passed on my said letter to you.

As you know, your club has played the Buckeyes here at Offermann Stadium since that time, that game having drawn the biggest crowd here this season for colored base ball, in which your club lost out by a count of 8 to 6 in a fine game here last Saturday night, July 27th, 1946. The Buckeyes were back here with the Homestead Grays on Tuesday night of this week, July 30th, 1946, and won another thriller from the Grays by the close score of 8 to 7, in which game the Grays had three men on base with two down in the 9th inning, and the count 8 to 7, against them, when Sam Jethroe made a sensational running catch of a line drive in deep left center, and saved the game for the Bucks. This game drew the second largest crowd of this season here in colored base ball, numbering only a couple of hundred less than for your last game here.

Our Buffalo Int. League Bisons will now play here at home in Offermann Stadium from this coming Sunday, Aug. 4th, 1946, up to and including Sunday, Aug. 18th, 1946; then the Bisons will go to Rochester, N.Y. for three days on Aug. 19th, 20th and 21st, 1946; and then return here on Thurs. Aug. 22nd, 1946, and play here at Offermann Stadium for the rest of their Int. League season. I have the three dates mentioned, viz: Aug. 19th, 20th and 21st, 1946, for colored base ball, and while I have tentatively lined up a colored attraction for those dates, I would much prefer to get your club here on one, two or all three of those dates, - your club being one of the best drawing attractions here. Would it be possible, therefore, for your club and some other club, either from the Negro American or Negro National League, to play here on one, two or all three of those dates? Or, if you prefer, I can arrange to have one or two different white clubs from this territory, to play your club here in Offermann Stadium on one, two or all three of those dates.

Owing to the importance of this letter, and my desire to reach you at the earliest possible time, I am sending this letter to you at your Memphis, Tenn. address, and am also sending a copy of same to Mr. Sampson at his address given on your letter head, 1710--4th Ave., North, - Birmingham, Ala., with the idea in mind that Mr. Sampson will show you the copy of this letter, in the

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event that you shall be at Birmingham when the said copy of this letter reaches Mr. Sampson at Birmingham.

I am of the opinion that since your last game here with the Buckeyes drew nearly \$5,000.00 in gross receipts, and the game between the Bucks and Grays a little over \$4200.00, your next appearance here with a good opponent should break all records, as there will be no more colored base ball here in Buffalo since the Grays and Bucks played here on Tuesday night of this week until on the dates that have been reserved for my promotions on Aug. 19th, 20th and 21st, 1946; and then, there will be no more colored base ball here in Buffalo until after the International League season ends, -if at all.

Trusting to hear from you as soon as possible, I beg to remain,

Very Truly Yours,

Ray J. Fischer

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